

be created against British manufacturers or against endeavours to establish new industries in this country. Now "unfair prejudice" in the Act does not mean successful competition, a sense in which the word is sometimes used. "Unfair prejudice" is a novel term, but "unfair competition" is now a recognised head of law in all civilised countries, though the words are less familiar here than in America.

"That, so far as I know, is the history of the new provisions of the Patents Act of 1907. If you read Section 24, the operative section, which has really been the text of these few remarks, together with Section 38, you will see that the object of the Act is not the protection of manufacturers against rival producers as producers, but the protection of the public, both producers and consumers, against the evils of excessive monopoly."

"I should like to say one word on the decline of the study of German. For about thirty years we have been in danger of attaching a slightly exaggerated value to German as compared with other modern languages. Now, it appears, there is a reaction in favour of French. So far as the study of French is concerned, I have not a word to say against it, but that the study of German should be declining seems to me, as to the framers of the report—and to my learned friend, if I may still call him so, Mr. Haldane—a matter of serious national importance. I can think of only two reasons why people should prefer French to German. They may suppose French to be easier, or they may suppose it to be more useful. As to being easier—and I must say it dogmatically, because there is no time to give reasons—having given much time to the study of both, I believe French is really the harder language to learn well. As to being more useful, French is certainly very useful indeed. Taking literature and business all round, perhaps one may say that French is more useful for the literary study of our own language and the history of our own civilisation, but when you come to business—and therein I include what is being done abroad in science and the application of science to industry—German is quite as important as French. Finally, it is becoming more and more indispensable to have a knowledge of foreign languages for any branch of life whatever."

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Dr. David Fraser Harris has been appointed lecturer in physiology to succeed Dr. Rhodes, who has resigned.

CAMBRIDGE.—The Public Orator, Dr. Sandys, spoke as follows on Thursday, March 4, in presenting Dr. Sven Anders Hedin for the degree of Doctor of Science *honoris causa*:

Scandinavia filium intrepidum, post tot pericula peregre suscepta denuo Britannis redditum, Academæ totius nomine libenter salutamus. Salutamus quatuor universitatum illustrum alumnū insignem, qui et Persiam et Mesopotamiam et Caucasi montes et regiones trans mare Caspium late patentes olim peragravit, quique postea per annos decem Asiam medium ter penetravit, ter scientiarum